

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Inc.

Organization Description

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Inc. is a provider of comprehensive social services to individuals and of effective leadership to organizations and communities throughout Missouri with headquarters in the Kansas City, Missouri, area. Its mission is to serve, advocate, and provide for the needs of the vulnerable as they seek to achieve self-sufficiency.

Project Description

Through Concepts for Effective Service, Catholic Charities seeks to empower faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) to increase effectiveness to sustain programming and services, diversify funding sources, and create collaborations to better serve those within their respective communities.

Geographic Scope of Project

Thirteen counties of Central and Northwest Missouri, including metropolitan Kansas City.

Partnering Organizations

Alliance of Greater Kansas City United Ways

Sub-Awards

Catholic Charities will distribute sub-awards, in a competitive process, to 30 small FBCOs that have not received federal grants and are interested in completing a comprehensive program of required pre-assessment, 12 days of training, sustained mentoring, and technical

assistance support. The average grant award is anticipated to be \$12,000.

Priority Areas

At-risk youth and families with a focus on achieving healthy individuals, families, and marriages; poverty, emergency assistance, and homelessness; mental health counseling; substance abuse; elderly and disabled persons in need; women and infants in crisis and unplanned pregnancies; prisoner re-entry into families and communities; and minority services.

Project Objectives

1. To improve participants' organizational effectiveness.
2. To encourage increased collaborations.
3. To present two-day capacity-building trainings focused on critical areas identified in the pre-assessment surveys.
4. To customize technical assistance and mentoring support within each participant organization's community.
5. To facilitate improved sustainability in 30 FBCOs by providing one-time capacity-building grants.

Project Strategies

Concepts for Effective Service offers two approaches: 1) three one-day capacity building trainings for at least 150 interested grassroots organizations, and 2) a more comprehensive program for a subset of 30 FBCOs.

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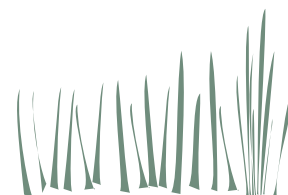
Project Outcomes

The following are project outcomes for FBCOs participating in the Concepts for Effective Service project:

- Sub-award agency understanding and acknowledgement of training needs for sustainability of effective organizational capacity.
- Improvements in organizational functioning.
- Compliance with program, financial, administrative standards.
- Sub-award satisfaction with comprehensive program content and agency improvements.
- Development and implementation of diversified funding plan.

Grant Award Amount

\$828,548



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